

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 10-13, 15 and 23-43 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 10-15 and 23-38 have been rejected. The rejection has been deemed final.

Claims 39-58 have been objected to.

By way of this amendment, claims 1, 40, 42 and 43 have been amended and claim 39 has been canceled.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 10-13, 15, 23-38 and 40-58 will be pending.

Earlier Filing

Applicants filed an Amendment and Reply on January 18, 2008 which was identical to this Amendment and reply except for the subsections in the Remarks section entitled "Earlier Filing" and "Telephone Interview with examiner".

In an Advisory Action dated February 7, 2008, it was indicated that the Amendment and Reply would not be entered because the amendment of claims 1, 40, 42 and 43 raised new issues which would require further consideration.

Telephone Interview with Examiner

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for discussing the Amendment and reply during a telephone conversation on February 19, 2008 between the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned representative. During that telephone conversation, Applicants undersigned representative noted that the subject matter of claim 39 was incorporated into claim 1, whereby the scope of claim 1 as amended is that of claim 39, and the scopes of claims 40, 42 and 43 did not change in view of the amendment in which they were revised to be in independent form, incorporating all limitations from the claims upon which they each depended.

The Examiner suggested to Applicants undersigned representative during the telephone conversation that the Amendment and Reply should be resubmitted, pointing out that claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 39, and claims 40, 42 and 43, which were each dependent on claim 1, have each been amended to be in independent form, incorporating the limitations of claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment and Reply be entered and that the claims be allowed.

Summary of the Amendment

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 39, which has been canceled as redundant in view of the amendment of claim 1. As amended, claim 1 is identical in scope and content to previously pending claim 39.

Claim 40 has been amended to be in independent form and expressly recite the limitations of claim 1 from which it was formerly dependent. As amended, claim 40 is identical in scope and content as previously pending.

Claim 42 has been amended to be in independent form and expressly recite the limitations of claim 1 from which it was formerly dependent. Claim 42 has also been amended to correct an obvious grammatical error. As amended, claim 42 is identical in scope and content as previously pending.

Claim 43 has been amended to be in independent form and expressly recite the limitations of claim 1 from which it was formerly dependent. Claim 43 has also been amended to correct an obvious grammatical error. As amended, claim 43 is identical in scope and content as previously pending.

Support for the amendment is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added and no new issues are raised in view of the amendments.

Objection to Claims

Claims 39-58 have been objected to as being dependent on rejected claims. The Official action states that claims 39-58 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 39, which has been canceled as redundant in view of the amendment of claim 1. The amendment of claim 1 amounts to rewriting claim 39 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable.

Claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 40 is allowable.

Claims 41 and 44-58, which are dependent on claim 40, are, accordingly, dependent on an allowable claim and therefore allowable.

Claims 42 and 43 have each been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, each of claims 42 and 43 is allowable.

Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claims 40-48 be withdrawn and that claim 1 and 40-58 be allowed at this time.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph

Claims 1,10-13, 15 and 23-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because, it is asserted, the specification does not enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, to advance prosecution of subject matter deemed allowable, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 39, which was deemed allowable in the Official Action. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2, 10-13, 15 and 23-38 are each dependent on claim 1, which has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 39, which was deemed allowable in the Official Action. Accordingly, claims 2, 10-13, 15 and 23-38 are allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 10-13, 15 and 23-38 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as not being enabled by the specification be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered and that claims 1, 10-13, 15, 23-38 and 40-58 are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 610.640.7855 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any debit or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Respectfully Submitted,

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